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Serial No. 09/986,598	Filing Date November 9, 2001	Examiner Mark Halpern	Group Art Unit 1731
Inventor(s) Barry Smith Fagg et al.			
Title of Invention Cigarette Rod Product with Different Densities			

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## FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form

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PTO-1449), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(a)(2):

**U.S. Patent Documents**

Document No.	Date	Inventor
3,759,267	09/1973	Thornton
3,902,504	09/1975	Owens, Jr. et al.
4,328,817	05/1982	Naylor et al.
4,595,024	06/1986	Greene et al.
4,715,388	12/1987	Rainer
4,793,364	12/1988	Labbe et al.
5,501,233	03/1996	Babey et al.
6,202,651 B1	03/2001	Luke et al.

**Foreign Patent Documents**

Document No.	Date	Country
0 498 265 A2	08/1992	EPO

As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary. 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute a representation that a search has been made, or as an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

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